

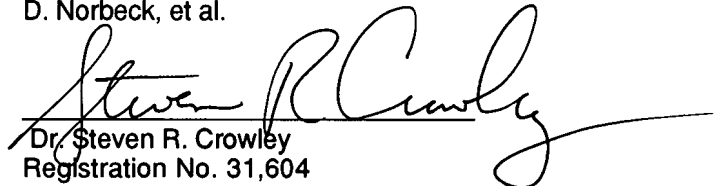
ACTION REQUESTED

In view of all of the above, allowance of Claims 1-16 is respectfully requested.

Also requested is consideration and entry on the record of the newly cited reference and acknowledgement of consideration and entry on the record of the reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated August 21, 1997 and listed on the Form PTO1449 dated August 21, 1997 in this application.

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